



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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Congress Threatening to Dramatically Cut Drinking Water and Clean Water SRF



We hear through our friends at AWWA that the U.S. House Appropriations Committee has approved a spending bill for FY 2024 that would cut U.S. EPA funding by 35 percent, and cut the **Drinking Water SRF by 59 percent!**

The DWSRF would receive just \$460 million next year under the House bill, more than \$2.5 billion below the amount authorized by Congress and \$670 million below last year's funding level of \$1.13 billion.

The Clean Water SRF would see an even larger cut of **67% from last year's funding levels**, from \$1.64 billion in FY23 to just \$535 million in FY24.

While this spending bill has several steps in the legislative process before it is final, AEA joins AWWA in recommending members **contact their Congressional representatives and U.S. Senators** to make them aware of the tremendous need for drinking and clean water funds. AEA will have more info about this soon.



Join our Next Check-in

A reminder to all that AEA holds check-in online meetings twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Our next one will be held Wed., July 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Any staff or commissioner of an AEA member organization is welcome to participate. At these informal meetings, which are generally under a half-hour long, participants here general announcements, have an opportunity to discuss concerns, or ask for info or advice from others.

If you are interested, contact Karen to be added to the distribution list.

New Water Withdrawal Dashboard

The NJDEP has established a dashboard providing access to New Jersey water withdrawal data according to HUC region and municipality. Here is the link:

[New Jersey Water Withdrawal Data Summary Viewer \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

The Water Committee will be taking a look at this dashboard, and AEA is hoping to set up an orientation during a coming check-in meeting or as a free webinar.

Safety Committee Quarterly Meeting

Those interested in sharing important information about safety may want to consider participating in our safety committee. It meets quarterly, and its next meeting is Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. Mark your calendar! For more information, contact the chair, Janet Kessler, jkessler@acua.com.

New Network Aims to Promote Leadership of People of Color in the Water Sector

According to Jersey Water Works, in the water sector, nearly 85% of water workers are male and two-thirds are white. Nicole Brown of Suburban Consulting Engineers is one of two co-facilitators the Emerging Leaders of Color Leadership Circle, which is aimed at helping people of color who are water professional build a network to promote leadership.

Networking helps establish pathways to leadership positions, and it helps networking professionals connect and expand water sector leadership opportunities for people of color.

To find out more or refer a colleague to this network, follow this link:

<https://www.jerseywaterworks.org/latest-news/emerging-water-leaders-of-color-leadership-circle/>



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You can also find us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#), along with select AEA-produced videos on [Youtube](#).

As an adjunct to AEA's web presence, we also host and run [Protect New Jersey Public Water](#), an informational website devoted to educating people on the benefits of public water utilities and the dangers of private takeovers, as well as [New Jersey Water Utility Peer2Peer](#), an initiative to aid in collaboration and information sharing among New Jersey drinking water, wastewater and solid waste agencies.

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